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SUBJECT: SEKOU TOURE RELIEVES PRESSURE REGARDING ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

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1. QUOTE VOICE OF THE REVOLUTION UNQUOTE AUGUST 28
ANNOUNCED QUOTE GUINEAN AMBASSADOR HABIB BAH WAS CONVOKED
AUGUST 23 BY ASSISTANT SECSTATE FOR AFRICA TALCOTT SEELYE.
IN NAME OF USG MR. SEELYE CATEGORICALLY REFUTED THE DEPOSI-
TION OF EX-MINISTER DIALLO TELLI AND QUALIFIED TELLI'S
DECLARATIONS REGARDING UNITED STATES AS COMPLETELY FALSE
UNQUOTE.

2. RADIO SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT SEKOU
TOURE HAS DISCUSSED FRANCO-GUINEAN RELATIONS BEFORE
PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AUGUST 28. TOURE READ ALOUD
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A LETTER IN WHICH GISCARD REAFFIRMED HIS WILLINGNESS TO

PURSUE FRANK AND HONEST COOPERATION WITH GUINEA. PRESIDENT TOURE AFFIRMED THE SAME SENTIMENTS, ALTHOUGH ADDING THAT, ACCORDING TO HIS FRIENDS IN FRANCE, AID AND FACILITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO GUINEAN CONSPIRATORS BY EX-PREMIER JACQUES CHIRAC. TOURE SAID HE WAS INFORMING THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT OF THE OBVIOUS CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS FACT AND THE RECENT CONFESSIONS BY GUINEAN FIFTH COLUMNISTS.

3. COMMENT: TOURE HAS EVIDENTLY DECIDED TO CALM THE ATMOSPHERE. MINISTER SAIFOULAYE DIALLO TOLD AMBASSADOR EARLY AUGUST 28 THAT HE WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED BY EXCESSIVE TENSION AND HAD URGED PRESIDENT TO RELENT. THIS BROADCAST IS THE GOVERNMENT'S ONLY RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH TOURE AND TO EMBASSY'S COMMUNIQUE OF AUGUST 23. THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEELYE'S FLAT DENIAL OF THE TELLI ALLEGATIONS IS PROBABLY THE BEST WE WILL GET AND IS NOT BAD AT THAT. LUDICROUS CHARGE AGAINST CHIRAC SEEMS TO BE SEKOU TOURE'S NOVEL FASHION OF REPAIRING RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. THE FIERCE INTERNAL ANTI-RACISM (MEANING ANTI-FOULAH TRIBE) CAMPAIGN CONTINUES UNABATED. WE CAN HOPE THAT XENOPHOBIC ACCUSATIONS WILL NOW TAPER OFF, ALTHOUGH NO SOFTENING OF POSITION AGAINST FEDERAL REPUBLIC, SENEGAL OR IVORY COAST HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING.
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